

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please ADD claims 29-33 and AMEND claims 1, 8, 14-16 and 22-25 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for inventory and sales reconciliation for multiple scheduled events comprising:

an interface to an Internet portal in communication with a database for entering a collection of inventory items in the database for a selected one of the multiple scheduled events, the selected event occurring at a remote location;

a personal digital assistant (PDA) for transport with the collection of inventory items to the remote location for collecting sales transactions information relating to sales of one or more of the inventory items to a plurality of consumers, wherein the PDA is configured and utilized by one or more users to provide a change due flag to record ~~consumer~~ identifying information of at least one of a plurality of consumers to capture the amount of change due to said at least one of a plurality of consumers identified by a specific location at the point of sale; and

a report server for receiving information from the database and the PDA for reconciliation of the inventory items and sales transaction information after the selected event.

2. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the PDA collects consumer information during the sales transactions, the system further comprising:

a payment server for receiving the consumer information from the PDA for completing the sales transactions after the selected event, the payment server in communication with the report server; and

the report and payment servers using the inventory, and sales transactions information for completing business transactions with one or more owners of the inventory items.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the selected event occurring at a remote location comprises a scheduled airline flight.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 3 wherein the interface comprises a personal computer including a PDA cradle for downloading data to and uploading data from the PDA by synchronizing the PDA to the portal.

6. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the consumer information comprises credit card information, and the payment server is operative to route the card information to a financial network for transaction authorization and settlement.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the payment server receives transaction settlement information from the financial network and communicates said settlement information to the database.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for in-flight sales transactions and inventory control comprising:

a back-office subsystem including at least one server and a database for storing a plurality of flight profiles and completed flight information;

an administrative user interface in communication with the back-office subsystem for inputting and maintaining the profiles;

an end-user interface in communication with the back-office subsystem for inputting the completed flight information; and

a handheld computing device ~~configured to be utilized by one or more users for~~ completing sales transactions and tracking onboard inventory items, wherein the handheld computing device is configured ~~by at least one or more users~~ to provide a change due flag to record ~~consumer~~-identifying information ~~of at least one of a plurality of consumers~~ to capture the amount of change due to ~~said at least one of a plurality of consumers identified by a specific location at the point of sale.~~

9. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the at least one server comprises:

an application server in communication with the Internet for providing access to an Internet portal application;

a report server in communication with the application server and database for providing completed flight information; and

a payment server linking the application and report servers to a financial processing network.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the end-user interface comprises a personal computer including a cradle for downloading data to and uploading data from the handheld computing device by synchronizing the handheld computing device with to the application server.

12. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the handheld computing device comprises:

a touch sensitive interface screen;

a printer for printing records of sales transactions; and

a magnetic card strip reader for inputting card information into the handheld computing device.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for completing sales transactions on moving vehicles and for tracking sales inventory, the method comprising:

linking, at the vehicle origination location, a personal digital assistant (PDA) to a terminal having an operating system for pre-sale configuration;

loading, at the vehicle origination location, base criteria from the terminal into the PDA;

identifying a specific user with the PDA;

collecting transaction information of at least one of a plurality of consumers at at least one point of sale;

checking a change due flag on the PDA at the point of sale and entering the amount of change due to at least one of a plurality of consumers, including~~by~~ consumer identifying information;

completing, onboard the vehicle, sales transactions and inventory tracking with the PDA;

linking, at the vehicle destination location, the PDA to a terminal having an operating system for post-sale synchronization;

loading, at the vehicle destination location, sales transaction data from the PDA portable device into the terminal; ~~and~~

routing sales transaction data from the terminal to a database for creation of sales and inventory reports; and

wherein the specific user of the PDA and the at least one of the plurality of consumers are different.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the completing step further comprises:

inputting sales transaction data into the PDA via a touchscreen display; calculating the total cost of the sales transaction;

accepting payment for the sales transaction from at least one of the plurality of consumers; and

updating the count of inventory items.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the accepting step further comprises:

swiping a card from the at least one of the plurality of consumers;

storing the swiped card information; and

printing a receipt for the sales transaction.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising the step of capturing an electronic signature of the cardholder via the touchscreen display.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

transmitting the stored swiped card information to a financial processing network;

receiving card authorization and settlement information from the financial processing network relative to the swiped card information; and

routing the authorization and settlement information to the database.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the steps of: inventorying, at the vehicle destination location, the remaining sales inventory; and entering, at the vehicle destination location, the remaining sales inventory information into the terminal.

20. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the moving vehicle comprises a passenger aircraft.

21. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the flight profile comprises flight information for a predefined and scheduled airline flight, and a default list of items to be sold onboard the flight.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21 wherein the completed flight information comprises sales transaction information, ~~and~~ inventory information and authorized user information.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the PDA change due flag is unchecked after the point of sale is completed when the amount of change due has been provided to the at least one of the plurality of consumers.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the PDA change due flag is unchecked after the point of sale is completed when the amount of change due has been provided to the at least one of the plurality of consumers.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the PDA change due flag is unchecked after the point of sale is completed when the amount of change due has been provided to the at least one of the plurality of consumers.

26. (Previously Added) The system of claim 1, wherein the change due flag is associated with a seat number or consumer name.

27. (Previously Added) The system of claim 8, wherein the change due flag is associated with a seat number or consumer name.

28. (Previously Added) The method of claim 14, wherein the change due flag is associated with a seat number or consumer name.

29. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the change due flag is associated with a consumer name.

30. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein the change due flag is associated with a consumer name.

31. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein information is conveyed from the at least one of the plurality of consumers to the user of the PDA and the user enters said information into the PDA.

32. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the change due flag is associated with a location of the at least one of the plurality of consumers, wherein each consumer has a different specific location.

33. (New) The method of claim 14, further comprising printing a change due report listing each of the plurality consumers due change and an associated location of each of the plurality consumers due change.